

**Acton Commission on Disability
Minutes
June 11, 2009**

Members Present: Janet Feasel, Lisa Franklin, Joy Kohout, Gordon Lagrow and Brenda Viola.

Guest: Mathias Rosenfeld, representative of WAVE.

Meeting was called to order at 7: 20 pm.

May Minutes were reviewed and accepted with corrections.

OLD BUSINESS

South Acton Train Station: The South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee will present their two platform design at the June 23rd Town Meeting. This design eliminates the unreasonable 600 foot long ramp system of the MBTA's proposed Alternative Design #3. The two platform design incorporates elevators and several smaller accessible ramps, a more reasonable alternative.

The KOTB Puppets: Eileen Sullivan wants to add the puppets into the 3rd grade curriculum. She is still trying to identify students who will perform with the puppets.

Town Website: Members agreed to have their names posted on the COD website.

COD Charter: Accepted and approved that the COD Charter be decreased to 7 members with 3 members as a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Meetings: All agreed to meeting in July and August, noting some members' vacation plans.

Transportation: Project proposed for a "Transportation Guide". This guide would be formatted as a brochure and included on our town website. The information in the guide would include a description of the different kinds of transportation available to PWD residing in Acton. Fran Ossman will be talking with TAC about this idea.

Special Presentation by Mathias Rosenfeld on WAVE.

Mathias shared the design proposal for the West Acton Village development project. The design include many accessible features in the refurbished historical buildings, the new buildings, parking areas, redesigned playground, main street parking, and sidewalks, etc. The design is in its preliminary stages. We expressed our desire to remain in contact to ensure accessibility issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Viola, Secretary

**Acton Commission on Disability
Minutes
May 14, 2009**

Members Present: Janet Feasel, Lisa Franklin, Joy Kohout, Gordon Lagrow and Brenda Viola.
Liaison: Frank Ramsbottom. **Guest:** Clare Siska, ACCESS

Meeting was called to order at 7: 20 pm.

February and March Minutes were reviewed and accepted. There are no minutes from April due to lack of attending members.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda submitted brochure paper \$20.48 receipt for reimbursement.

OLD BUSINESS

ADA Transition Plans: Frank explained that he and Dean Charter will be looking at the town's buildings. Steve Ledoux plans to do a work place study then a total reorganization in the future.

Crossroads Restaurant HP Parking: The owner of Nagog Park businesses still has not installed sign posts throughout parking lot. The Massachusetts AAB will need to enforce this parking regulation at Nagog Park.

Brochures: Brochures have been printed and are ready for distribution. Members have selected sites for distribution.

COD Yahoo Groups Communication Forum: Reviewed and accepted "Purpose, goals and rules" of the new forum. Now, the proposed Yahoo group must be approved by both the BOS and Town Council at their meetings.

Quorum: The BOS approved that the COD can have 3 members as a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

Priorities For 2010: Accepted and approved our priority for next year is to "Make ourselves (COD) known." We are already working on one task of creating the Yahoo forum. Other suggestions were to promote The age 14 Transition Plan in the 8th grade with Mass Rehab., and to reestablish the KOB Puppet program.

South Acton Train Station: Brenda, Frank and guest Clare Siska presented concerns of the 600-800 foot long ramp system in the proposed MBTA platform of the new commuter rail station. Unfortunately, disability regulations and laws do not limit the length of a ramp. However, an elevator is a more reasonable choice. A member of the COD will attend other town meetings concerning the train station platform to advocate for PWD.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm
Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Viola, Secretary